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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Harris et al.  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith  
For: DEGRADABLE HETEROBIFUNCTIONAL POLY(ETHYLENE  
GLYCOL) ACRYLATES AND GELS AND CONJUGATES  
DERIVED THEREFROM

April 2, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In The Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph on line 3, page 1 to read as follows:

This application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/226,341, filed January 6, 1999, which is related to commonly owned copending Provisional Application Serial No. 60/070,680, filed January 7, 1998, incorporated by reference in its entirety, and claims the benefit of its filing date under USC 119(e).

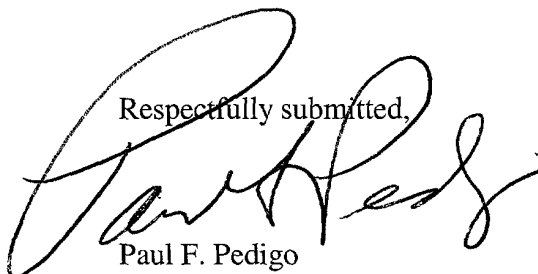
**In The Claims:**

Please delete Claims 22 through 25.

REMARKS

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

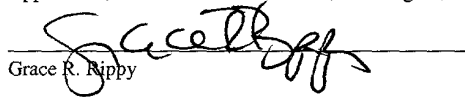


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